

COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL - CITY OF LODI  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1948

REGULAR MEETING - Beginning at 8:00 P.M. of Wednesday, October 6, 1948

COUNCILMEN PRESENT - Bull, Haskell, Lytle, Tolliver and Mayor Rinn, none absent.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING - The minutes of the last meeting, held September 15, 1948 were approved as written and mailed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS -

Some seventy persons interested in the pending business license tax ordinance being in attendance, Mayor Rinn departed from the regular order of business and invited comment from the spokesmen of the various groups represented. Mayor Rinn noted that this matter has been in the process of discussion for over three years with many opportunities for those who will pay this tax to participate in its formulation. Mr J. K. Newfield, Jr. representing the Lodi Business Mens Association, acknowledged that the local business men had neglected studying the proposed ordinance although the fact of its introduction and the availability of copies had been given wide publicity. Mr Newfield requested that the ordinance be laid over until the October 20th meeting. Mayor Rinn requested that, as this was the largest gathering of business men assembled since initiation of proceedings for the framing of a business license ordinance, the opportunity be not lost for the voicing of views on its desirable or undesirable features and the presentation of ideas that would help to make up a proper ordinance. He then asked City Manager Weller to review the ordinance as introduced, which Mr Weller did, reciting the various licensing features and explaining the reasons for incorporating them in this measure.

Mr Chas. Brackett, Mr Elmer Kirst, Morris Empey, Leo Pollestrini, and Viola Reiswig protested against the amounts of the fees to be charged, agreeing with Councilman Bull that the method seemed to be acceptable but that the amount to be raised would be a severe burden on certain trades and callings. Leonard Cain, Robert C. Litts and Dr Arthur C. Boehmer also brought up points that they thought should be considered in redrafting this ordinance. Mr P. Arnold Anderson, of the Municipal Tax Association spoke in favor of licensing according to number of employees but objected to the rates in the pending ordinance, comparing them with those effective in other cities in California. Attorney Herbert Coblenz representing Cigarette Service, Inc. objected to the tax imposed on vending machines.

Mayor Rinn, other Council members concurring, then directed that this ordinance be laid over until the October 20th meeting and requested that written suggestions and comments be sent to the City Manager in an effort to frame an ordinance acceptable both to the City Council and to the business people subject to license.

All persons interested in the business license tax then left the Council chambers.

Councilman Tolliver then introduced Mrs Morris Empey of the local group of Camp Fire Girls, explaining that she was requesting on behalf of the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, Camp Fire and allied organizations, that the City turn over the Municipal Baths Building in Hale Park to them for removal to a site easterly from its present location and rehabilitation to a headquarters and meeting place for these children. Mrs Empey spoke emphatically on this project, stating that it was not for performance at the present moment but would be an object to be attained by campaigning for the same over a period of time should the Council be willing to donate the building for the purpose. Mayor Rinn stated that the City in any event would have to preserve control of the building as public property but that an agreement might be reached whereby it could be put to this use. He requested Councilmen Tolliver and Bull to work with the applicants and the City Engineer for the drafting of plans and devising of means to attend the end sought.

Rev. Carlson and Rev M.I. Bailey of the local Seventh Day Adventist churches requested permission to use a part of the northerly section of Salem School Grounds for the purpose of conducting a ten week school beginning about October 24, 1948. Mr Carlson stated that the school would be sponsored by the two Seventh Day Adventist Churches conducted by the Northern California Conference, S.D.A.

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After some discussion as to the effect of this proposal on neighboring properties, permission was granted, provided that the applicants presented proof of local sponsorship, protected the City against any liability occasioned by their occupancy by adequate insurance, policed the neighboring streets during the hours the grounds were used to prevent blocking of private driveways and held no meetings after 10:00 o'clock P.M.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER -

EXAMINATION FOR FINANCE DIRECTOR SCHEDULED	City Manager H. D. Weller informed the Council that an examination for appointment to the post of " Finance Director " would be held Saturday, October 9th beginning at 10:00 A.M., eleven applications being on file. After the written examination and on rating of the papers submitted, he asked that a committee be appointed to conduct oral interviews. Mayor Rinn appointed Mr W. C. Green, of the Board of Review, Mr T. A. Haskell of the City Council and Mr H. D. Weller, City Manager as such committee.
SPECIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN JOBS ADOPTED	Mr Weller, having previously furnished each Councilman with copies, requested approval of Class Specifications for Finance Director, Collector, Office Manager and Purchasing Clerk, such specifications having been approved by the Board of Review. On motion of Councilman Lytle, Haskell second, each of the above specifications were ordered approved and adopted
J.F.BLAKEY APPOINTED CITY CLERK	On motion of Councilman Haskell, Tolliver second, J. F. Blakely was appointed City Clerk effective at once, his salary to continue as at present until the Finance Director is appointed and qualified, when such salary will be \$350.00 per month.
VINCENT C.WEBB APPOINTED TREASURER (P.T.)	Vincent C. Webb was continued as City Treasurer, part time, salary to be at \$150.00 per month from and after September 15th and to so continue until his successor is appointed and qualified. Motion Councilman Bull, Tolliver second.
RESIGNATION OF A. C. PAULY DIRECTOR RECREATION	At this time the resignation of Arvid O. Pauly as Director of Recreation effective October 15th was read together with a recommendation of the Joint Recreation Commission that it be accepted and that Mr Ed De Benedetti be appointed temporarily to this position pending the selection of a successor to Mr Pauly. On motion of Councilman Haskell, Tolliver second, Mr Pauly's resignation was accepted, Mr Haskell, in a few well chosen words highly commended Mr Pauly's administration of recreational affairs in Lodi, particularly his obtaining full cooperation with school authorities in the local recreational program. Each Councilman and the City Manager concurring with Mr Haskell, it was directed that a letter in the names of the several Councilmen be sent to Mr Pauly expressing the City's appreciation of his efforts and regrets that he was severing his connection with the local community. Mr Weller advised that no further action be taken in this matter as the two School Boards had not as yet acted on this resignation
FINANCIAL STATUS	The City Manager then reported on the present financial position of the City treasury, stating that the accumulated commitments of 1947 were fast being eliminated by payments and that the General Fund would shortly be in proper balance. Lists of receipts and expenditures were furnished each Councilman.
REGULATIONS FOR HARNEY LANE DISPOSAL SITE USE APPROVED	The City Council then approved regulations suggested by Mr Weller for the use of the Harney Lane Refuse Disposal site, instructing him to have these put in ordinance form for adoption, the ordinance to provide for its amendment of the regulations by resolutions adopted from time to time by the City Council.

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CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$36,260.47 made up of miscellaneous bills \$923.97 and \$35,336.50, September payroll, were allowed and ordered paid. A claim of Harold Brodehl for \$18.74 for damages to his "motor scooter" in collision with a city truck and a claim of Mrs. Emma Handel for \$182.50 for doctor's bill incurred by falling on a broken curb at Pine and School Street were rejected and ordered submitted to the City Attorney and to the City's insurance carriers.

BUSINESS  
LICENSE  
APPLICATIONS

Business license applications submitted September 15th as approved by the Chief of Police were ordered issued and applications dated September 16th to October 6th, read and referred to the Chief of Police.

REPORTS

Reports of the Chief of Police and of the Superintendent of Streets and Parks as submitted to the City Manager were read.

MEM HOSP.  
PARKING  
SPACES

The request of Lodi Memorial Hospital Association for assignment of four parking spaces opposite its campaign headquarters 115 North School Street was granted on motion of Councilman Bull, Haskell second, the Chief of Police to work out ways and means to effect the purpose intended.

VARIANCES OF  
KRAUSE &  
McCLURE

Reports of the City Planning Commission recommending variances be granted John Krause, 600 Palm Avenue and R. D. McClure, Lot 6, Rohana Tract were accepted and variances ordered issued.

CULBERTSON  
TRACT 3 MAP  
APPROVED

The final map of "Culbertson Tract No. 3" as submitted by Clifford Gatzert for the subdivider was approved on motion of Councilman Tolliver, Haskell second and this approval endorsed on the map by the Mayor

At 12:25 A.M. of Thursday, October 7, the City Council adjourned on motion of Councilman Tolliver, none dissenting.

Attest:

  
J. F. BLAKELY, City Clerk

(Copies of these minutes mailed  
to each City Councilman.)